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1. The Taonan airfield is five kilometers southeast of Taonan (122-47, 45-21) on the east side of the Taonan-Liaoyuan (123-30, 43-30) railroad.
2. The airfield is approximately 1,500 meters square. The soil has alkaline content and is sparsely covered with grass about eight inches high. The airfield is muddy after a rainfall. There are two paved runways, each about 1,000 meters long; one running east and west, the other running north and south.
3. There are nine hangars and one repair shop at the west side of the field. On the extreme northwest side of the airfield there are barrack accommodations for 1,000 troops. A spur line connects the airfield with the Taonan-Liaoyuan railroad. Air raid shelters for planes are built above ground; these shelters have high revetments, are built of dirt and do not offer effective protection from machine gun fire.

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Comment: These shelters are probably for concealment rather than for protection against air raids.)

4. After the end of World War II, this airfield was used by the Soviet Air Force as a relay base on the route from Siberia and the Mongolian People's Republic to Changchun and Mukden; forty to fifty fighter planes, five transports and fifteen or sixteen Soviet [redacted] /sig/ liaison planes were based at the airfield. 25X1A
5. Important facilities of the airfield were burned by the Japanese Army, but the hangars and barracks were not damaged.

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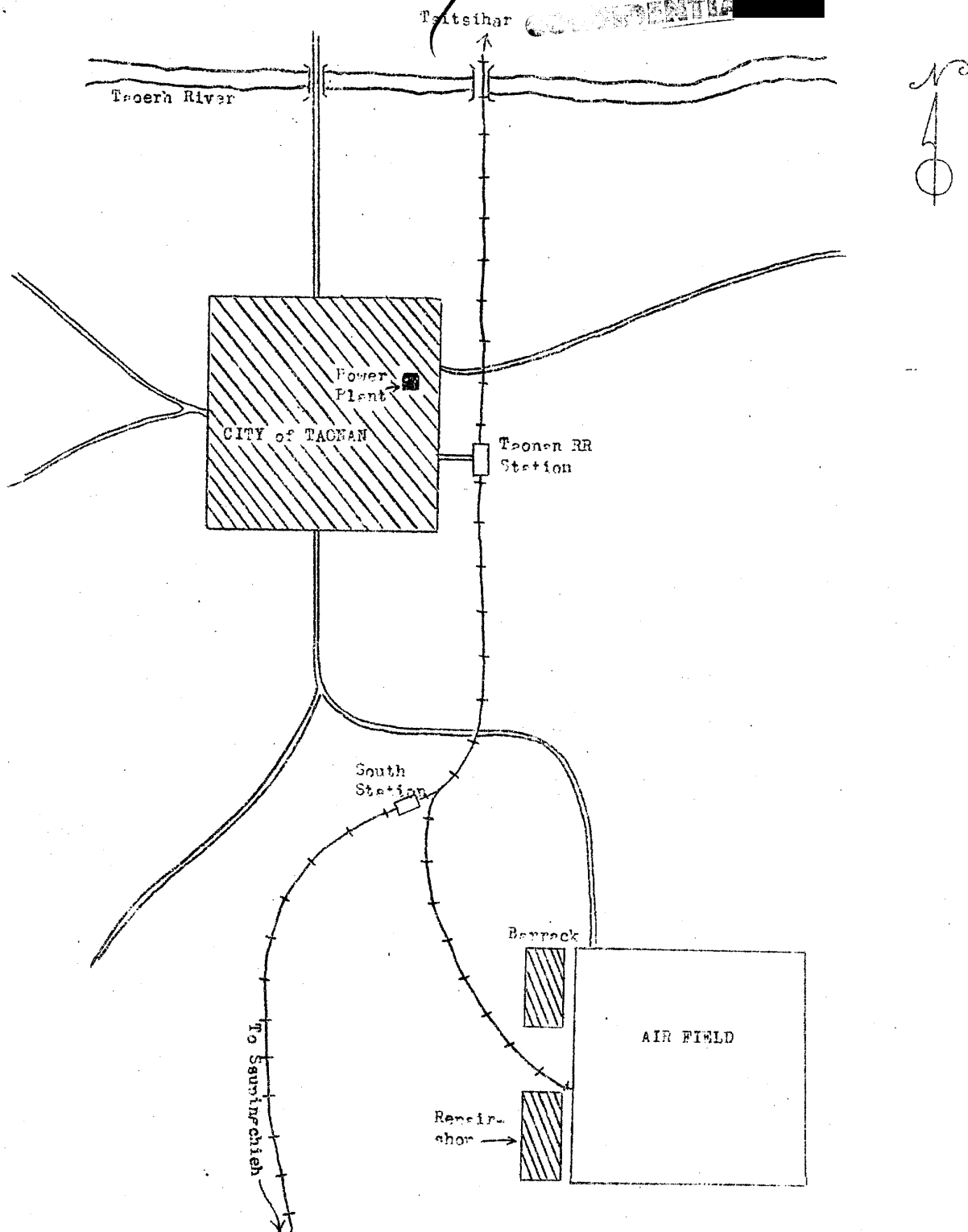
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